

The mean seasonal rainfall for the three is found to be as follows:

	Inches
1850-1877	14.09
1877-1904	15.39
1904-1931	14.53

The driest winter in the entire series was that of 1862-63, with an estimated rainfall of 4.30 inches; the wettest, that of 1883-84, with a measured rainfall of 38.18 inches.

In the first of these 27-year periods there was a relatively wet series of seasons from 1851 to 1862; two disastrously dry seasons followed; then came another relatively wet series ending on June 30, 1869, and finally a dry series ending on June 30, 1877.

The individual seasonal estimates are as follows:

	Inches		Inches
1850-51	8.60	1864-65	13.60
1851-52	15.30	1865-66	15.40
1852-53	17.20	1866-67	19.80
1853-54	15.50	1867-68	23.50
1854-55	18.00	1868-69	15.30
1855-56	12.60	1869-70	7.20
1856-57	5.90	1870-71	6.30
1857-58	18.50	1871-72	12.80
1858-59	10.20	1872-73	9.60
1859-60	18.60	1873-74	21.20
1860-61	18.70	1874-75	12.40
1861-62	32.00	1875-76	21.80
1862-63	4.50	1876-77	5.30
1863-64	6.20		

The author believes that the influence of the Brückner cycle and the double Wolf cycle are clearly discernible in the estimates made for the period 1850-1877, and that the results seem to forecast the early beginning of a wetter rainfall régime in this region.

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SOLAR OBSERVATIONS

SOLAR RADIATION MEASUREMENTS DURING NOVEMBER, 1931

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For a description of instruments employed and their exposures, the reader is referred to the January, 1931, REVIEW, page 41.

Table 1 shows that solar radiation intensities averaged above the normal values for November at Madison and slightly below normal at Washington and Lincoln.

Table 2 shows an excess in the total solar radiation received on a horizontal surface at Chicago, New York, and Fresno as compared with November normals for the respective stations; close to normal at Pittsburgh, La

Jolla, and Miami; and a deficit at Washington, Madison, Lincoln, Gainesville, and Twin Falls.

Skylight polarization measurements made on 4 days at Washington give 60 for the mean percentage of polarization, with a maximum of 66 per cent on the twenty-fourth. At Madison, polarization measurements made on 4 days give a mean of 72 per cent with a maximum of 75 per cent on the fifth. These are above the corresponding averages for each station in November.

Data received too late to be included in Table 2 for October.

Gainesville, Fla., weeks beginning, October	1	8	15	22
Weekly averages of solar radiation, gr. cal.				
min. cm ⁻²	307	308	403	354
Departures from normal values	-92	-88	-8	-46

